

READY FOR WORK.

Gibson Coal Co. Agrees to Grant the Strikers' Demand if the Strike is Raised.

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Only Enough Anthracite Coal Will Be Mined By This Firm to Fill Its Contract With the Schockly District.

Seranton, Pa., Oct. 17.—The Gibson Coal Co.'s colliery in South Scranton is being put in order for work, and the company says it will begin operations Wednesday or the next day. This company has agreed to grant the strikers' demand if the strike is raised, and, further, that it will mine only enough coal to fill its contract with the Schockly district. Secretary Dempsey of the United Mine Workers said Tuesday that the board had not acted on the matter, but that in all likelihood the request of the company will be granted.

Two Washeries Resume Operations. The Delaware and Hudson Co.'s two washeries at Carbondale and Oliphant have resumed operations after an idleness extending a month beyond the beginning of the strike. A Hungarian laborer who went to work at the Carbondale washery was badly beaten in a saloon. He was not able to return to work.

A SECRET CONFERENCE.

Representatives of the Various Coal Carrying Railroads and Others Meet in Philadelphia.

Philadelphia, Oct. 17.—A secret conference was held Tuesday in the office of the Philadelphia & Reading Railway Co. among representatives of various coal-carrying railroads and a number of individual operators. The participants were pledged to secrecy as to the object of the conference, and nothing could be learned of what transpired. There were two sessions of the conference. The first began at 11 o'clock in the morning and continued until 1 o'clock in the afternoon. After an adjournment for lunch another meeting was held, continuing until nearly 5 o'clock.

Those in attendance at the morning session were President Harris and Directors J. Lowber, Welsh and George B. Baer, of the Reading Co.; John B. Farrell, vice president of the Lehigh Valley; and Herbert M. Howe, of A. Pardee & Co.; M. S. Kemmerer, of March Chunk, and John Capell, of Seranton, and John Markle, whose collieries are at Jenkins General Manager Henderson and General Superintendent Luther, of the Reading Co., were called in at various stages of the conference. President Harris and Mr. Welsh did not attend the afternoon meeting. It is understood that another conference will be held Wednesday.

After the consultation George F. Baer remarked in a general way that it might be some days before a settlement of the strike is reached.

THE HAZLETON DISTRICT.

Mine Operator and Gov. Stone Had a Talk on the Adviseability of Having Troops in That Region.

Hazleton, Pa., Oct. 17.—The report that Frank Pardee, manager of Garvin, Pardee & Co.'s colliery at Cranberry, had requested the governor to send troops into Luzerne county is not exactly correct. Mr. Pardee Tuesday night denied that he had done so, but said he and Gov. Stone had talked on the advisability of having soldiers in this region. It is Mr. Pardee's belief that after troops were stationed here it would have considerable effect in the way of keeping the peace and preventing any strike.

SHAMOKIN MINERS DISAPPOINTED.

Shamokin, Pa., Oct. 17.—Miners in this region were disappointed Tuesday evening over the failure of the operators up to the late Tuesday night to the terms of the Seranton convention. It was fully expected that by this time the operators and coal-carrying companies would have announced their determination to accede to the demands of the men. As yet no cases of desertion among the men have been reported to strike leaders.

NEW YORK STORM SUFFERERS.

New York, Oct. 17.—The attendance at the bazaar being held at the Waldorf-Astoria for the benefit of the sufferers in the recent Galveston hurricane was very large Tuesday night. Secretary Mac estimates that the receipts so far will amount to between \$20,000 and \$30,000. The bazaar will close Wednesday evening in a bustling way by Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) and Gov. Sayers, of Texas.

LORD HAMILTON DEAD.

London, Oct. 17.—Lord Hamilton, of Dalnair, aged 71, an intimate friend of the late William Ewart Gladstone, died Tuesday.

FOR THE DEFENSE.

Some Pretty Strong Testimony Contradictory of the Prosecution Witnesses in Youtsey Trial.

Georgetown, Ky., Oct. 17.—If Henry Youtsey heard a word uttered in his trial Tuesday, he gave not the slightest indication of it by any movement of the hands, head, eyes or lips. So far as any one in the courtroom could tell, he never uttered a word all day.

He was the unconvincing actor in another realistic scene Tuesday afternoon when he was brought into the courtroom proper, lying on his back. His eyes and mouth were lightly closed and he looked every whit a dead man, while Col. Nelson in a loud voice asked him how old he was and how he lived.

Will Soon Rest Their Case.

The defense presented some strong testimony contradictory of the prosecuting witnesses and say they have gathered stronger for Wednesday when they expect to rest their case. Jim Powers will go on the stand and answer Youtsey did not let him in to see the body of the slain man. Youtsey was not even in the building.

Saw Youtsey With a Gun.

Rev. Z. T. Cody said Golden told him he confessed to save himself. He was at the scene of the shooting, but saw no one in the hall. John W. Davis, one of those indicted with Youtsey, corroborated the Thompsons.

FIRE IN DETROIT.

Two Men Killed and Eight Persons More or Less Injured—Property Loss \$20,000.

Detroit, Mich., Oct. 17.—As a result of a fire which started soon after 1 o'clock Tuesday afternoon, in the building at No. 15 Jefferson avenue, occupied by the Wiltchell Bros. Co., Limited, manufacturers of all kinds shoes, two men are dead and eight persons more or less seriously injured.

Girls Became Panic-Stricken.

The flames spread so rapidly that none of the employees who were on the second and third floors were able to escape by the stairway. The girls employed in the building were in the third floor when the cry of fire was raised they became panic-stricken and rushed for the windows where a general fight followed in the efforts to get out. The firemen took several girls from the third story front windows while others escaped from the rear by means of fire escapes. Ernest Smith, a fireman, was smothered to death on the third floor.

Jumped From Third-Story Window.

Alonso D. Ireson jumped from the third story front window and in falling brought with him a large sign fastened to a ledge on the second story, to which three persons were hanging. This precipitated all to the stone sidewalk and Ireson was instantly killed. The others escaped with lesser injuries.

Three Lives Lost in a Wreck.

Lincoln, Ill., Oct. 17.—A fast freight train of the Chicago & Alton was wrecked Wednesday morning at Lawndale, near here, and three lives lost. The killed: Chas. Eaton, engineer; Henry Stearns, brakeman, both of Bloomington; Charles Eysenbach, of St. Louis.

Bismarck Monument Unveiled.

Berlin, Oct. 17.—The monument to the late Prince Bismarck recently erected at Bredlau, was unveiled Tuesday.

Lord Roberts Unveiled.

London, Oct. 17.—Lord Roberts was Tuesday greeted honorably by the new regiment of Irish guards.

SEVERAL LIVES WERE LOST IN A TENEMENT HOUSE BLAZE ON HESTER STREET, NEW YORK.

Several Lives Were Lost in a Tenement House Blaze on Hester Street, New York.

FIVE DEAD BODIES WERE RECOVERED.

Six Families Lived in the Double Frame Building, Three on Each Side of the Hall.

Daring Escapes Were Made By a Number of the Terrified Inmates—It Is Thought More Bodies Are in the Ruins.

New York, Oct. 17.—Several lives were lost in a fire early Wednesday morning in the three-story and attic double frame tenement on Hester street. The dead: Mrs. Fass, Samuel Fass, 13 years old; Lena Fass, 9 years old; Morris Fass, 2 years old; woman bedridden in an attic; several persons missing: Mrs. Horowitz, Mandel Straus.

Injured: Mary Martin, back severely burned.

Six families lived in the building, three on each side. Nathaniel Gatz discovered the fire in the hallway. He ran through the building shouting to the tenants. Private Watchman Sam Lazarus, stationed on the block, heard him, and sent in an alarm. Several policemen heard him and ran to the place. They arrived with the firemen but already the place was in flames. It burned like a strawstack. Charles Fass, a butcher, who with his family lived on the second floor, heard the junior yelling, and picking up his 4-year-old child, Josephine, ran out and dodged the rickety old fire escape. He made frantic efforts to get back for his wife and other children but the fire was already shooting from the hallway in order to save his family out. His wife ran to the window and threw out Isaac, the 5-year-old boy. A policeman caught the lad and he was uninjured.

All the rest of the Fass household were burned to death.

Henry Bernhardt, who lived in the building, said his family out.

Mary Martin and Mary Murray lived in the attic. They escaped but Mary Martin was severely burned.

Mrs. Lewis, in trying to escape, got to the second floor fire escape where her body was found by the firemen. The fire marshal has been notified by the police to investigate how the fire began as it is believed the fire was of an incendiary. The firemen were searching the ruins at 3:30 o'clock. They said there was little prospect of recovering more bodies for several hours until the ruins cooled.

COURT OF ARBITRATION.

The American Initiative Will Result in General Action By the Other Powers Interested.

Washington, Oct. 17.—The action taken by the United States in designating ex-President Harrison and ex-Senator Gray as members of The Hague court of arbitration is attracting the attention of foreign governments, which are making inquiries through their representatives here as to the steps taken by this country. The initiative here being taken by the United States is believed to be a general initiative will result in general action by the other powers interested. As far as can be learned, none of the foreign governments has named its members of the tribunal. It is understood, however, that M. Martens, the distinguished Russian publicist, is likely to succeed M. Sturges as Russian minister to The Hague, and at the same time be designated as one of the Russian members of the arbitration court.

1X-EMPRESS FREDERICK.

She Was Secretly Married to Baron Seckendorff, in England, Last April—Her Maid.

Berlin, Oct. 17.—The report that Dowager Empress Frederick was married last April to Baron Seckendorff, who was hofmeister under Emperor Frederick, although widely circulated abroad, had always been strenuously denied here until the present crisis in her disease. Now, however, it is being circulated and accepted with a number of fresh details such as that the marriage occurred in England. It is said that the principal motive of the dowager empress is a cancer of the kidneys. According to the latest bulletin she is somewhat better but a fatal result is generally expected by the physicians.

Astronomical Observatory.

Kingston, Jamaica, Oct. 17.—Prof. Pickering, of Harvard, has arrived here to establish an astronomical observatory at Mandaryn immediately. He says the surroundings there are favorable for special researches.

Mail for Canadian Yukon Country.

Washington, Oct. 17.—The post-office department has given notice that mail will be sent in mail matter except letters will be sent to the Canadian Yukon country or to American post offices north of the Yukon river.

Sailor Knocked Out By Joe Gans.

Denver, Colo., Oct. 17.—Cattie knocked out the Otto Seltzer in the ninth round of what was to have been a ten-round go before the Olympic Athletic club Tuesday night.

FATAL WIND STORM.

Three Men Were Killed, Two Fatally Injured and Three Seriously Hurt at Newark, N. J.

New York, Oct. 17.—A storm which passed over this city late Tuesday afternoon struck Newark, N. J., with frightful force and caused the death of three men, fatal injuries to at least two others and seriously injured three more.

When the storm came up the men were at work on the new building of the Moline Lumber works. The building was to have been a brick structure. The brick work had been carried to a height of 30 feet and the iron and steel girders for the floors and roof had been put on.

New Building Collapsed.

The men were engaged in taking down the scaffolding inside and outside of the building. When a high wind hit the building it rushed through the openings and formed a whirlwind inside the walls and in a moment the building was blown away like an egg shell. All four walls went down with a crash and nine men were buried under the avalanche of brick and steel.

CAPT. SHIELDS' COMMAND.

The Casualties of the Party That Was Killed in the Fight and Afterward Rescued.

Washington, Oct. 17.—A dispatch from Gen. Nelson, of the 1st Cavalry, of Capt. Shields' command in the island of Mandanque. Capt. Shields and his 51 men were captured by the insurgents and afterward rescued by Gen. Hare's troops. The list follows:

Killed—September 13, Company F, 2nd regiment, C. S. Y. 1, William Andrews, William E. Murrin, Edwin Niles; September 14, Frank Weigh-

Wounded—September 13, Capt. Devereux, shields, neck, mouth and shoulder, serious; Lieut. S. Colvin, hip, slight; Robert D. Jackson, cheek, slight; Tolven G. Johnson, head, slight; John B. Pool, head, slight; John Chew, head, wrist, slight, shoulder, serious.

NOTORIOUS FORT CHABROT.

It Was Raided to Find Proof of the Existence of the So-Called Grand Occident of France.

Paris, Oct. 17.—The police Tuesday unexpectedly raided the notorious "Fort Chabrot" in Paris and also the residence of the mother of its founder, M. Jules Guerin. A number of papers were seized in both places.

The object of the raid is said to have been to find proof of the existence of the so-called "Grand Occident" of France, an anti-pope league, whose headquarters during the Dreyfus agitation was at Fort Chabrot.

The nationalistic organs ask if the government wishes to "work up" another high court conspiracy trial.

CAPTURED BY FILIPINOS.

While Repairing Telegraph Wires Near San Jose, 11 American Soldiers Were Killed.

Manila, Oct. 17.—The Filipino insurgents are again displaying activity. Two hundred of them attacked 20 men of the 43rd infantry near San Jose, Nueva Ecija province, Luzon, on the 10th, and of the American detachment just seven reached San Jose.

It is probable that the remainder were captured. The Americans were repairing telegraph wires.

Gen. Wheeler's Daughters. New York, Oct. 17.—Among the passengers who were on the Red Star steamship "Kensington" Tuesday night were the daughters of Gen. J. Wheeler, who have been abroad for several months, and who will stay with friends in this city for a few weeks before going to their southern home. Gen. Wheeler met them at quarantine.

MARKET REPORT.

Cincinnati, Oct. 17.—FLOUR—Spring family, \$3.00; 100 lb. family, \$3.00; 25 lb. family, \$3.00; 10 lb. family, \$3.00; 5 lb. family, \$3.00; 2 lb. family, \$3.00; 1 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/2 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/4 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/8 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/16 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/32 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/64 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/128 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/256 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/512 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/1024 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/2048 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/4096 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/8192 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/16384 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/32768 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/65536 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/131072 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/262144 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/524288 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/1048576 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/2097152 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/4194304 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/8388608 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/16777216 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/33554432 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/67108864 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/134217728 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/268435456 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/536870912 lb. family, \$3.00; 1/1073741824 lb. family, \$3.00; 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